

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Mitchell Manor Survey Number: G-IV-A-107

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ *see below \**

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Helen P. Ross, KCI Technologies, Inc.

~~DONOT CONCUR-ELIGIBLE~~ *Defender* 7/17/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services *concur w/ ops* Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

*BK* \_\_\_\_\_ *n* \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, NR program Date

*Jmg*

Addendum Sheet

G-IV-A-107  
Mitchell Manor  
Oakland Vicinity  
Garrett County

Preparer: Helen P. Ross  
Date Prepared: March 27, 1997

Mitchell Manor on Old US 219 in Oakland remains little changed since the 1981 architectural survey. One correction to the previous description is that the roof is not "pyramidal with gables" but rather it is a pyramidal with gabled dormers on each elevation. The attached porch roof is covered with standing seam metal and the dormers and oriel window are covered with painted wood shingles. The Gothic Revival cottage is no longer in situ.



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GARRETT COUNTY, MD  
ELIZABETH ROMAN

11/27/97

MD SHPD

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Mitchell Manor  
Oakland  
Private

1908

Mitchell Manor is significant as an excellent and well maintained example of the classically influenced, neo-rationalistic style house in Garrett County.

It is a frame, 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay dwelling with a pyramidal roof adorned with a gable on each slope. The houses faces S.E. and has a central entrance. A 1-story,hipped-roof,wooden,ornately-decorated,porch runs across the facade and half-way wraps around the S.W. elevation.

Details include a stained-glass oriel window, located at the southeast end of the N.E. elevation and a triple, leaded glass window at the northwest end of the S.W. elevation.

There is a narrow, high, interior brick chimney with an ornate corbeled cap located at the southeast end of the N.E. elevation.

A Gothic Cottage is located a few yards northwest of the main house. it is a 1½ sotry, 3 bay by 2 bay, board and batten dwelling with a 1-story ell.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mitchell Manor

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Old Route 219, west side, approx. 1/2 N. of intersection with Oakland-Deer Park Rd.

CITY, TOWN  
OaklandCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Paul and Mary Williams

Telephone #: 334-1168

STREET &amp; NUMBER

State Road

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21550**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Mitchell Manor, located on old Rt. 219 north of Oakland, was constructed in 1908, and is an excellent example of the classically influenced neo-rationalistic style house, also known as the four-square plan house. It is a frame, 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay dwelling with a pyramidal roof adorned with a gable on each slope. The house faces S.E. and has a central entrance. A 1-story, hipped-roof, wooden, ornately decorated porch runs across the facade and halfway wraps around the S.W. elevation. The porch covers a 1-story bay window located at the southeast end of the S.W. elevation. There is a 2-story shed addition on the rear, N.W. elevation, enclosed at the northeast end and open at the southeast end. The open end of the addition, covering a rear entrance into the house, is latticed at the 1st story and is a porch at the 2nd story.

All windows are 1 over 1 sash with plain board surrounds and drip molded window heads. The facade dormer contains a Palladian window with a Roman arch; all other dormers contain double, 1/1 sash windows.

The main entrance, a double door with beveled, leaded glass surmounted by a narrow transom, is accentuated by the grand, classically influenced porch which is supported by 8 Corinthian columns, dentiled cornice and turned balustrade.

Other details include a stained-glass oriel window, located at the southeast end of the N.E. elevation and a triple, leaded glass window at the northwest end of the S.W. elevation.

There is a narrow, high, interior brick chimney with an ornate corbeled cap located at the southeast end of the N.E. elevation. The house is covered with aluminum siding, except for the dormers which are weatherboarded.

The interior of the house has been preserved. It is based on a 4-room plan. The entrance opens into a living room which contains an ornate brick fireplace on the northeast wall. A open staircase, at the back of the room, leads to the second story. The top of the first flight of steps is lighted by the oriel window. The triple window lights the dining room of the house.

The Gothic Cottage is located a few yards northwest of the main house. It is a 1½ story, 3 bay by 2 bay, board and batten dwelling with a 1-story ell. It rests on a gable roof covered with asphalt sheeting. The house faces southwest and has a central, 4 paneled, wooden door entrance covered by a simple shed porch. The windows are 4/4 sash with plain board surrounds.

The gable ends have scalloped fascia. The house is painted red with white trim. It is presently unoccupied and overgrown with vegetation.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mitchell Manor is significant as an excellent and well maintained example of the classically influenced, neo-rationalistic style house in Garrett County. This site also is noted for one of the rare examples of the Gothic cottage type found in Garrett County. And finally this site is important to Garrett County because of its association with the Mitchell family, prominent and well-to-do citizens of Oakland.

Mitchell Manor was constructed in 1908 for John T. Mitchell, an Oakland lawyer. In 1878, John Mitchell came to Oakland from Somerset County, PA. to teach. He studied law under Col. John W. Veith, a State Attorney from 1875-1887, and was admitted to the Bar in 1882. (Weeks, p. 83 and Brown, p. 293).

Mitchell served as County surveyor from 1883-1885. (Brown, p. 294).

He married Kansas Hamill, daughter of Judge Patrick Hamill, one of the leaders in the creation of Garrett County. Mitchell practiced law with a younger brother, Edwin L. Mitchell (Weeks, p. 83 and Brown, p. 292).

The present owners purchased the 2 houses from the Ashby family in 1979. According to Mary Williams, the Gothic Cottage was moved from across Rt. 219 to the present site and first occupied by the Mitchells until their home was completed. When the Ashbys owned the houses, a bachelor brother occupied the Gothic Cottage (Interview with Mary Williams, September 1981).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Brown, Jacob. Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. Cumberland, MD: J.J. Miller, 1896.  
 Weeks, Thekla Fundenberg. Oakland Centennial History 1849-1949. Oakland, MD: Sincell  
 Printing Co., 1949.  
 Williams, Mary. Interview in September 1981.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**


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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 1950; photorevised 1974

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 Mitchell Manor  
 Old Route 219, west side, approx.  
 ½ mile N of intersection with  
 Oakland-Deer Park Road



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Mitchell Manor

Garrett Co., Md.

C Crawford 9/81

Facade: SE elev. - Main House



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Mitchell Manor

Garrett Co., Md.

C. Crawford, 9/81

S.W. elev.-Main House



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Mitchell Manor

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SW elevation-Older House